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of news about African countries
 dian media is of the crisis variety
 genocide in Rwanda, anarchy in
 i. Fed a steady diet of such images,
 lly perceive them to be definitive of
 experience. And then, along come
 d writers like you who punctuate
 distortion with thoughtless sweep-
 . Is this a responsible way of cover-

mainstream news media rarely re-
 s about Africa. Yet, many such re-
 daily on mainstream and alterna-
 these stories are overlooked either
 purpose. I suspect the latter. Of
 ow too well, good news — espe-
 seems — does not sell news or

within civil democratic move-
 an governments, too, that are
 few resources and against
 and just societies. In my

mind they deserve our applause. Your comment de-
 means them all.

You could redeem yourself. How about running a
 segment that profiles positive social and political trends
 in Africa. They do exist, I assure you. If you are inter-
 ested my associates and I could supply you with a few
 ideas and also make available a wealth of recent sto-
 ries. We can also link you with grassroots organiza-
 tions in African countries who would be willing to pro-
 vide current, on-site testimony of social, political and
 developmental advancements.

Sincerely,
GARY KENNY
 Coordinator,

Inter-Church Coalition on Africa

Thanks, Share

Editor:

On behalf of the Jamaican Canadian Association
 (JCA), I am writing to express the JCA's sincere and
 heartfelt appreciation to you for your newspaper's
 support of our community's tribute to Donovan Bailey
 (*Share*, October 10).

Share's contribution was itself a tribute to the com-
 munity and struggle which we share.

The board and members of the JCA look forward
 to continuing our partnership with major community
 institutions, such as *Share*, in the building of a pros-
 perous future for our children. At some point in the
 near future, I would like an opportunity to meet with
 you to share our Association's vision for the future.
 Thanks again.

Sincerely,
HERMAN STEWART
 President,

Jamaican Canadian Association

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